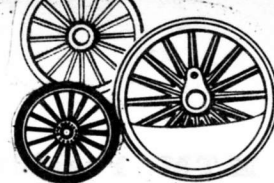


NEWSLETTER



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Pictures Donated

by Frank Sandburg

Recently MTM's library of photographs was enlarged considerably with the addition of thirty-five high quality black and white 16 by 20 photos. All depict general railroad subjects in the Minneapolis and St. Paul area during the early 1950's. These photographs were donated to the museum by Mr. Carroll Moe of Minneapolis. For those who are interested, a number of these will be on display at the March 26th general meeting.

Officers Elected

In accordance with the bylaws, the annual election of officers was held at the January 21st annual meeting. For the benefit of those not in attendance at that meeting, the following officers were elected:

President: Jim Harrison 226-6024
Executive Vice President: Frank Sandburg 452-1089

Secretary: Russell Olson 881-1089

Treasurer: William Luke 781-8276

Vice President, Operations: Jim Bertrand 721-3266

Vice President, Traffic: Harold Storey 929-0157

Vice President, Public Relations: John Stein 827-3091

Vice President, Public Education: James Foster 537-4168

It is hoped that the membership will give its' new officers all the support they need during the coming year. If you have questions regarding the museum, or wish to make a contribution to any area of the museums activities, be sure to contact your officers to indicate your support.

General Meeting Scheduled

The next general meeting of the MTM will be held at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, March 26, 1968, in the Upper Midwest Room at the Minneapolis Star and Tribune building, 4th and Portland. Several important and exciting announcements will be made regarding acquisitions, museum site, and a gala two day grand opening for the Minnehaha Depot. The program will feature a slide show which was also presented to the Minnesota Accounting and Finance Council. Plan to attend.

Short Lines

Grand opening of the Minnehaha Depot is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 15th and 16th. Anyone interested in assisting with the many plans for the opening are urged to contact Harold Storie at 929-0157.

Ladies are cordially invited to join in the museums activities. Up until now there have not been many activities which might interest women, but now smart looking depot guides will be needed.

If you have not caught up on your dues, please be prepared to pay Treasurer Bill Luke at the next meeting. As our museum grows we need more income to cover operating expenses. The success of the MTM depends upon your support to pay rent, buy insurance, mail NEWSLETTERS, purchase tools, maintain property, etc. As you see, we do have expenses all year, and must budget them.

MTM President Looks Ahead

by Jim Harrison

As I look back on the five-plus years of development of the Minnesota Transportation Museum, I marvel at how much has been accomplished with so little money, so few people involved, and with such a relatively informal organization. As many outside our membership have often said, we have indeed done a great job.

As I look forward to this new year of activity, and to the prospects for achievement of important goals and significant growth, I am convinced that unless we can attract more funds, motivate more people to get involved, and improve our organizational structure to achieve greater efficiency, we will fall short of our objectives.

As MTM president for 1968, I want you to know that I will do all I possibly can to advance our group toward the ultimate objectives we have set for ourselves, but I feel strongly that this is not a one-man organization, nor is it one that can be run and improved by a small group of elected officers. MTM must be an "every member" effort with each of us accepting definite responsibilities for meeting our goals.

Your past support and participation is most appreciated, but your continued support, recruitment of new members, and increased participation are absolutely vital to our success. Our program has grown at least four-fold in the past five years, and yet we have about the same number of members as we had five years ago, and perhaps fewer. Help spread the word. Get involved! If you will, our task will not only be easier but more enjoyable and productive as well.

NEWSLETTER to Expand

Museum plans for 1968 include an expanded NEWSLETTER. All MTM members who wish to write are urged to submit articles to the NEWSLETTER editor, John Stein, 2801 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407. Articles need not pertain to MTM news, though they may. Possibilities include historical data, fiction, and non-fiction. Travels to other museums will also be considered.

Furthermore, the NEWSLETTER will have an expanded circulation and will be mailed not only to MTM members but also to state, county, and local historical societies, prominent businessmen, other museums around the state, and other MTM supporters.

Slide Presentation

President Jim Harrison and Publicity Vice President John Stein presented a 30 minute slide show to the Minnesota Accounting and Finance Council, explaining the museum's activities and plans. It featured slides gathered from MTM members and was well received by all present. It will be shown to museum membership at the next general meeting. Maybe you'll recognize some of your own slides!



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